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On May 18, 2021, Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department was made aware that data regarding COVID-19 vaccinations was accessible through the Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department website. Those impacted individuals have been notified via mail about the website error. Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department has been in contact with the website host and there is only one known instance of that file being accessed. The personal information that was included in the file was: Name, Address, County, Date of Birth, Date of Vaccination, Vaccination Type, Race and Gender. The individual who unintentionally accessed the file has worked closely with Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department and there is not any ongoing cause for concern related to the file being accessed.

“Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department considers all records and privacy matters very serious and apologize about this isolated instance,” said Myra Stoney, Health Director at Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department. “Our staff has received additional training related to HIPAA, privacy, and confidentiality to ensure that an event like this does not occur again.”

Any individuals with questions or concerns about this matter can reach out to the Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department team at one of the following numbers:

308-345-4223

1-833-685-2801 (Toll-free number)

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